



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

INCIDENT:

Madre Incident

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Brush Fire Assistance to Angeles National Forest

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

First Supervisorial District

North San Gabriel Canyon Road and West Sierra Madre Avenue, Azusa

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DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Monday, September 23, 2013, 5:52 p.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

None

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

Unknown; incident is ongoing.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On Monday, September 23, at 5:52 p.m., County fire units responded to a report of a brush fire near the area of North San Gabriel Canyon Road and West Sierra Madre Avenue in the City Of Azusa, resulting in a first alarm resource assignment and unified command with the U.S. Forest Service/Angeles National Forest. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered approximately one acre of medium brush on fire and quickly moving uphill. They proceeded with an aggressive fire attack on the ground and by air to gain control of the blaze. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department cleared Encanto Park for helicopter operations. At 6:32 p.m., the incident commander reported 30 acres burned with structures threatened on the northeast side of the fire. At the Forest Service's request, our Department provided additional resources to aid in the firefight and structure protection. Evacuations were made along Foxtail Road, while helicopters and contract aircraft continued water drops until approximately 10:54 p.m., with plans to return this morning. Ground crews continued the firefight overnight.

Currently, the fire has burned 250 acres and is 30 percent contained as it moves into and is threatening more of the Angeles National Forest area. We remain in unified command with the Forest to provide resources to protect Los Angeles County. No structures have been lost or are currently threatened as the wind progression has slowed. No firefighter injuries have been reported.

County Fire resources currently assigned to this incident include: five engines, one paramedic squad, one patrol, two dozer teams, one heli-tanker, one water tender, four camp crew strike teams (each consisting of two crews and one superintendent), one Type I engine strike team, three food dispensers, one command vehicle, one safety officer, one information officer, two captains, one battalion chief, and three assistant chiefs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, American Red Cross, and Cole Schaefer Ambulance Company are also assisting on scene. The Department will receive significant cost recovery on this incident.



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